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Mr. Thomson von Stein Division of Enforcement Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D. C. 20549

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of articles on Robert L. Vesco's activities in Costa Rica.

You are correct in your understanding that we do not translate all articles on Mr. Vesco which appear in the foreign press. materials we translate relate solely to our interests in current economic and political developments in Central America. Obviously no student of Central American affairs can afford to be uninformed about recent events in Costa Rica which impact on political or economic developments in that country.

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But we have neither the authority nor the responsibility to respond to a collection *fequirement targeted specifically against a U.S. Sugh activity exceeds our charter and this is why we translate only those articles which reflect on the political and economic situations in Costa Rica.

Therefore I must regretfully decline your request to provide your office with foreign press items on Mr. Vesco's activities.

Faithfully yours,

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E. H. Knoche
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P. O. Box 2604
Washington, D. C. 20013

Re: SEC v. Robert L. Vesco et al. 72 Civ. 5001, U.S.D.C., SDNY

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We wish to thank you for sending to us translations of articles on Robert L. Vesco's activities in Costa Rica. I have been inSTATSPEC communication with of your liason office on this matter.

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We request therefore that, if the workload of your service permits, that we be sent very brief summaries, perhaps merely one sentence summaries, of articles which do appear in forcign media so that we can, if necessary, obtain the full text for our own translation.

We understand that Mr. Vesco has made overtures to do business in other countries besides Costa Rica, particularly Morocco, the Dominican Republic, and Panama.

We would therefore request as well that, if your workload permits, that we be furnished similar brief summaries of articles on Mr. Vesco which may appear in the press of other countries, particularly the ones mentioned above.

If you have any questions, my number is (202) 755-1764.

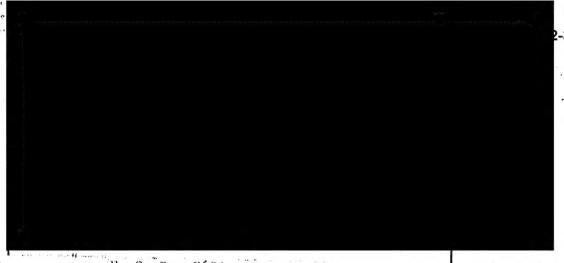
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